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Dear Ms. Frederique:

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program application submitted by the City of Pittsburgh. If selected, the City of Pittsburgh plans to implement their Resilient Infrastructure: Mount Washington Landslide Mitigation plan.

It is my understanding that this project is centered around three critical and vulnerable hillsides on Mount Washington; Grandview Avenue, William Street, and Greenleaf Street. The project cost was estimated through a blend of past landslide mitigation project costs and engineering estimates that have been obtained by the City. The Department of Mobility and Infrastructure actively pursued cost estimates in the summer of 2018 after a landslide closed a portion of the P. J. McArdle Roadway and State Route 51. Mt Washington is a key regional attraction. It sits above critical infrastructure including the railroad and the Liberty Tunnels. It is also a key economic generator in terms of tourism, small business, and a strong residential community.

Once again, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the aforementioned application, and I respectfully ask that you give the City of Pittsburgh's application all due consideration. In the event that this application is selected for funding, please direct a copy of your award notification to my Grants Coordinator, Alex Byrne, via email at [Alexandra\\_Byrne@toomey.senate.gov](mailto:Alexandra_Byrne@toomey.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



Pat Toomey  
U.S. Senator